



U.S. Army Corps  
of Engineers  
Pittsburgh District

# Public Notice

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US Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District  
1000 Liberty Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4186

Application No. 200300875

Date: December 8, 2003

Notice No. 03-58

Closing Date: December 29, 2003

1. TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The following application has been submitted for a Department of the Army Permit under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. **This Public Notice is a revision to Public Notice No. 03-35 dated July 22, 2003.**

2. APPLICANT: City of Wheeling  
1500 Chapline Street  
Wheeling, WV 26003

AGENT: Merco Marine  
60 Merco Road  
Wellsburg, WV 26070

3. LOCATION: Ohio River, left bank, Mile 90.5, in Wheeling, Ohio County, West Virginia.

4. PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The applicant proposes to construct a courtesy dock to provide docking for various events held at the Wheeling Heritage Port. A 148-foot temporary dock was previously authorized by a Nationwide Permit from this office. A 300-foot extension is now being proposed, for a total dock length of 448 feet. A shoreline distance of 60 feet would be maintained for the entire length of the dock. Access to the docks would be by a 3-foot by 35-foot ramp and 10-inch internal pilings would hold the docks in place. Boats would not be permitted to tie off riverward of the dock but only between the dock and the shoreline to avoid conflicts with commercial navigation. A drawing of the proposed dock is attached to this notice.

5. IMPACT ON NATURAL RESOURCES: The District Engineer has consulted the most recently available information and has determined that the project is not likely to affect the continued existence of any endangered species or threatened species, or result in the destruction or adverse modification of habitat of such species which has been determined to be critical. This Public Notice serves as a request to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service for any additional information they may have on whether any listed or proposed to be listed endangered or threatened species may be present in the area which would be affected by the activity, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1972 (as amended).

6. **IMPACT ON CULTURAL RESOURCES:** The National Register of Historic Places has been consulted, and it has been determined that there are no properties currently listed on the register which would be directly affected by the proposed work. If we are made aware, as a result of comments received in response to this notice, or by other means, of specific archeological, scientific, prehistorical, or historical sites or structures which might be affected by the proposed work, the District Engineer will immediately take the appropriate action necessary pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 - Public Law 89-665 as amended (including Public Law 96-515).

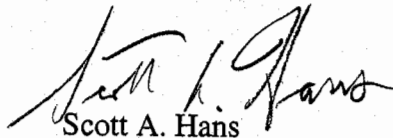
7. **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:** Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in the paragraph below entitled "RESPONSES," that a public hearing be held to consider this application. The requests for public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

8. **EVALUATION:** Interested parties are invited to state any objections they may have to the proposed work. The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposals must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

9. **RESPONSES:** A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest. Written statements concerning the proposed activity should be received in this office on or before the closing date of this Public Notice in order to become a part of the record and to be considered in the final determination. Any objections which are received during this period may be forwarded to the applicant for possible resolution before the determination is made whether to issue or deny the requested DA Permit. All responses to this notice should be directed to the Regulatory Branch, attn Linda Malsch, at the above address, by telephoning

(412) 395-7157, or by e-mail at [linda.m.malsch@usace.army.mil](mailto:linda.m.malsch@usace.army.mil). Please refer to CELRP-OR-F 200300875 in all responses.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:



Scott A. Hans  
Chief, Regulatory Branch

SOUTH END OF PORT

SHORELINE (APPROXIMATE)

3 X 35 RAMP

28.00'

60.00'

10" INTERNAL PILE

8.00'

148.00'

EXISTING TEMPORARY DOCK

60.00'

MAINTAIN SHORELINE DISTANCE  
OF 60' TYPICAL

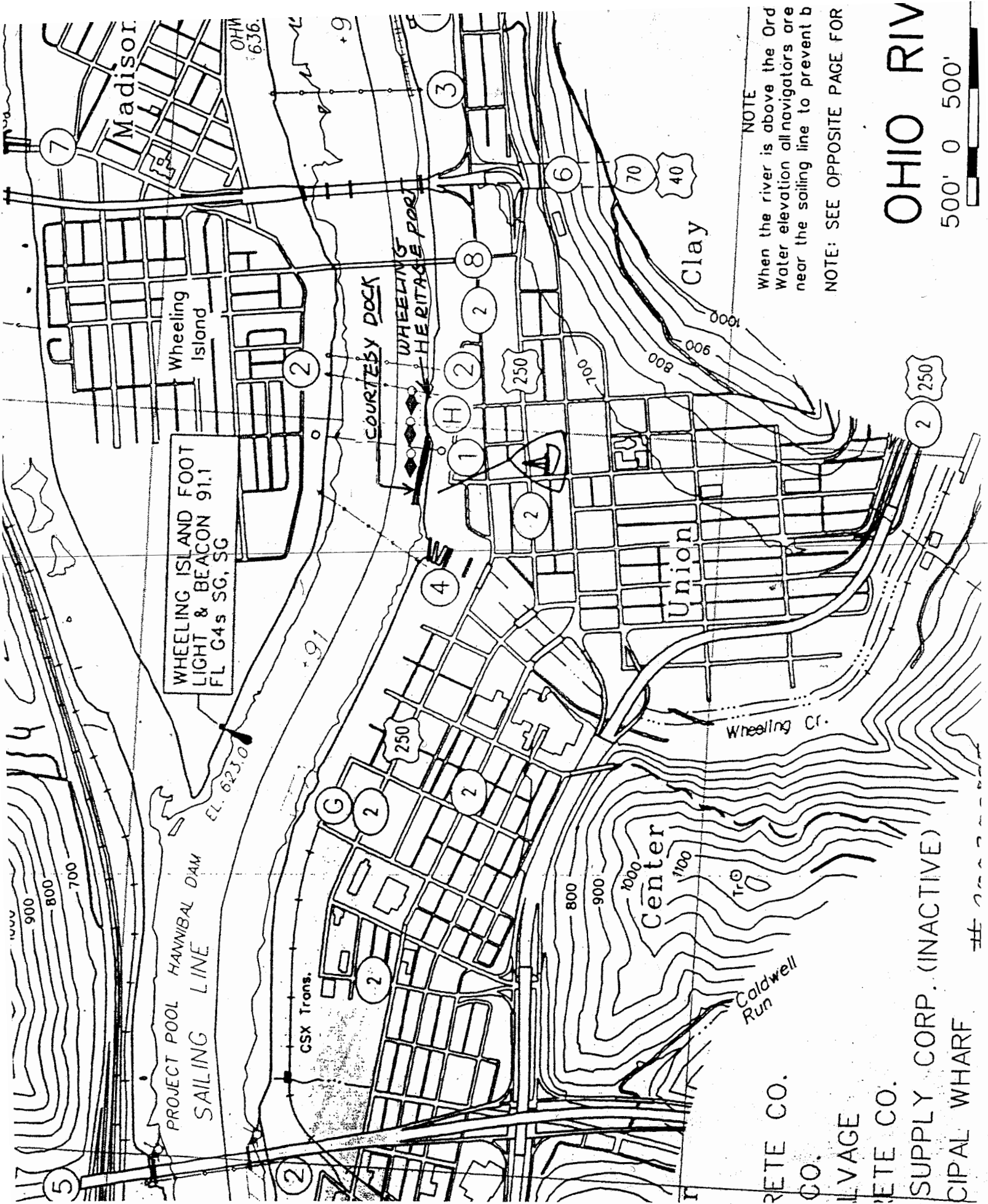
448.00'  
TOTAL

COURTESY DOCK  
WHEELING, WV 26003

**MERCO MARINE**

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Water elevation all navigators are  
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ETE CO.  
SUPPLY CORP. (INACTIVE)  
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